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In re the Application of:

Shuji SAITOH et al.

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For: NOVEL FUSED PROTEIN, GENE THEREFOR, RECOMBINANT VECTOR,

RECOMBINANT VIRUS, AND ITS USE



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Examiner: HINES, J.

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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

February 21, 2001

Dear Sir:

Prior to consideration of the above identified application please amend as follows.

A marked-up version of the amendments is included with this Preliminary Amendment.